

May 17, 2002

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Brian Sheldon
Willapa Bay/Grays Harbor Oyster Growers Association
& Farm and Helicopter Service Inc.
P.O. Box 404
Napavine, WA 98565

Dear Mr. Sheldon:

Enclosed is National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. WA0040975 for your facility. The permit is issued by Ecology in conformance with the state Water Pollution Control Law [Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW)] and as authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) acting under the federal Clean Water Act.

Also enclosed is Ecology's Fact Sheet and a pre-printed Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form with a key for codes used. Please note that your permit limits, frequency, and sample type are printed in the shaded areas of your DMR. This is your master copy. Please make copies as needed for your submittals. If no discharge occurs during a reporting period, you must still submit a DMR with a statement that no discharge occurred.

Submission of an application for permit renewal or continued discharge must be received by Ecology no later than 180 days prior to your permit expiration date, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-220-180. Please contact Laurie Conger, Industrial Permit Coordinator, at (360) 407-6280 for an application form.

This permit may be appealed. Your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, P.O. Box 40903, Olympia, Washington 98504-0903 within 30 days of the receipt of this permit. At the same time, your appeal must also be sent to the Department of Ecology, Fiscal Office, P.O. Box 47615, Olympia, Washington 98504-7615, and to Ecology's Southwest Regional Office, P.O. Box 47775, Olympia, Washington 98504-7775. Your appeal alone will not stay the effectiveness of this permit. Stay requests must be submitted in accordance with RCW 43.21B.320. These procedures are consistent with Chapter 43.21B RCW.

Any appeal must contain the following in accordance with the rules of the hearing board:

- a. The appellant's name and address;
- b. The coverage date and number of the permit appealed;
- c. A description of the substance within the permit that is the subject of the appeal;

- d. A clear, separate, and concise statement of every error alleged to have been committed;
- e. A clear and concise statement of facts which the requester relies to sustain his or her statements of error; and
- f. A statement setting forth the relief sought.
- g. The notice of appeal shall contain a copy of the order or decision appealed from, and if the order or decision followed an application, a copy of the application.

If you have any questions on this action, please contact Janet Boyd at (360) 407-0245.

Sincerely,

Kelly Susewind, P.E.
Southwest Region Manager
Water Quality Program

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Enclosures

cc: Janet Boyd, Dept. of Ecology
Mark Bentley, Dept. of Ecology